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Chapter __

Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on Sustainable Development held its seventh session at United Nations Headquarters on 1 May 1998, 27 July 1998 and from 19 to 30 April 1999. The Commission held __ meetings (1st to __ meetings).

2. At the 3rd meeting, on 19 April 1999, the Chairman, Mr. Simon Upton (New Zealand), made an introductory statement.

3. Also at the 3rd meeting, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat made an introductory statement.

B. Attendance

4. The session was attended by representatives of __ States members of the Commission on Sustainable Development. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for the European Community, and representatives of organizations of the United Nations system, and secretariats of treaty bodies, as well as observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. A list of participants is contained in annex __ to the present report.

5. At its 3rd meeting, on 19 April 1999, the Commission agreed to invite the South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme (SACEP), the Latin American Fisheries Development Organization (OLDEPESCA) and the Permanent South Pacific Commission (CPPS) to attend the session of the Commission as intergovernmental organizations, with the status of observers.

C. Election of officers

6. At its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 1 May and 27 July 1998, respectively, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

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Chairman:	Mr. Simon Upton (New Zealand)
Vice-Chairmen:	Dr. Tibor Faragó (Hungary) Mr. George Talbot (Guyana) Mr. Largaton Ouattara (Côte d'Ivoire) Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan)

7. At the 2nd meeting, on 27 July 1998, Mr. Largaton Ouattara (Côte d'Ivoire) was elected to serve also as Rapporteur.

8. At its 3rd meeting, on 19 April 1999, the Commission elected Mr. Sandor Mozes (Hungary) to replace Dr. Tibor Faragó (Hungary) as Vice-Chairman.

D. Agenda and organization of work

9. At its 3rd meeting, on 19 April 1999, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda and organization of work, as contained in document E/CN.17/1999/1. The agenda was as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Sectoral theme: oceans and seas.
4. Cross-sectoral theme: consumption and production patterns, including recommendations for sustainable consumption for inclusion in the United Nations guidelines for consumer protection, as requested by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1997/53.
5. Economic sector/major group: tourism.
6. Comprehensive review of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States.
7. Initiation of preparations for the ninth session of the Commission on issues related to the sectoral theme: energy.
8. High-level meeting.
9. Other matters.
10. Provisional agenda of the eighth session of the Commission.
11. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its seventh session.

E. Documentation

10. The documents before the Commission at its seventh session are listed in annex __ to the present report.